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A RESOLUTION to designate March 1995 as "Red Cross Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is a part of a worldwide Red Cross movement, which provides support in times of strife and disaster to the people of the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 to assist in wartime humanitarian efforts and to provide disaster relief services; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross and its 88 Tennessee chapters, furnish extensive direct and indirect support to our Armed Forces and their families at home; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross serves as the primary voluntary agency in Tennessee dedicated to serving victims of disasters such as floods, tornadoes and other natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, through two regional blood centers and chapters, supplies donated blood, tissue and bone to more than 125 hospitals within our state; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, has been at the forefront of displaying community leadership through education programs in HIV/AIDS, First Aid/CPR, swimming and lifeguarding, thus helping our citizens to prevent or meet emergencies and to maintain a better lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross, through its extensive volunteer program, continues to meet basic community needs throughout the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby designate March 1995 as "Red Cross Month" in Tennessee, and encourage all citizens to recognize the past and ongoing contributions the American Red Cross makes to the many aspects of our lives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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